

THE AMERICAN-HAWAIIAN COMPANY READY TO HELP IN TOURIST CAMPAIGN

President Dearborn Indicates Readiness to Spend Big Money if Honolulu Will Also Put Up.

The American-Hawaiian company is ready to do its full share to assist in the growth and development of Hawaii," said President Dearborn in conversation with an Advertiser reporter yesterday. "We have given more than passing attention to the question of passenger accommodations and are ready as we always have been to meet the people of Hawaii half way. As I said in my address before the number of commerce yesterday, if the people of Hawaii want tourists they must go after them in a businesslike way. Go to Pasadena, where the tourists gather, see the manager of the great tourist hotel. Learn something of the tourist trade from the persons who make catering to tourists a business. See what tourists want and ascertain whether Hawaii offers attractions which will bring them here in great quantities. If, after mature consideration, it seems likely that catering to tourists will prove profitable, go into the business for all there is in it. Build a fine tourist hotel, not in the heart of the city but in the outskirts of Honolulu, where all of the attractions which southern California tourist hotels offer. With such a hotel it will be necessary to provide a passenger steamship to carry the tourists back and forth. If the people of Hawaii will show enough confidence in the tourist outlook, after mature deliberation, to invest the money necessary to erect a fine tourist hotel, we will be ready to consider the steamship proposition. Such a ship as would be required to carry the passengers would cost about \$1,500,000. It would have to be a thoroughly first-class in every respect and it should make the trip in four days. Furthermore it should sail from Los Angeles. The transcontinental lines carry great numbers of tourists and southern California should cooperate. But the steamship service must be a very first-class. The people who travel in luxury to southern California and enjoy the magnificent accommodations if they are to continue on to Hawaii. It is improbable that such a ship

as I mention could be operated on this run this year round. It would be a strictly passenger steamer, for a freighter with passenger accommodations would not fill the bill. The tourist season is of about five months duration. At the end of that time we would probably have to take the steamer off and lay it up or place it on the Alaskan run. "We have always stood ready to assist in the passenger business. Five years ago the merchants' association of your city asked us to build a passenger ship and named the type of vessel desired. We looked into the matter and found that the ship would cost \$1,500,000. I then made a proposition to the effect that we would furnish such a ship if the people of Hawaii would raise the other \$500,000. We put in this proviso because we wanted the people of Hawaii to have an active interest in the enterprise to insure their cooperation. "I discussed the matter with Mr. Smith, who visited New York as the representative of the merchants' association. The proposition was taken up here I believe, but nothing ever came of it. Later I made the same proposal to the late C. M. Cooke. "At the time that we were figuring in New York on placing passenger accommodations on the Virginia we decided that we were willing to operate a passenger ship without profit for the benefit of the people of Hawaii. We should even be willing to operate such a ship at a reasonable loss. Railroads build lines where they can not expect to reap returns for the purpose of developing the country and we are quite willing to do what we can to help Hawaii. "I should be very glad were it possible for the American-Hawaiian company and the Matson company to come to some equitable agreement, whereby they could benefit this community. "We came into the field as freight carriers and we have made it a point to furnish a freight service commensurate with the needs of Hawaii. A large company can carry on business on a much smaller margin than can a small one, and we expect to furnish such transportation facilities and such rates that we shall have no fear of competition. It is on that basis that we are conducting our business."

REV. ROBERT BURDETTE AT KILAUEA, "THE ONLY VOLCANO IN CAPTIVITY"

It is the best behaved volcano I have ever seen," said the Rev. Robert J. Burdette, on his return from Kilauea yesterday. "The only one born in captivity. It receives in a low-necked, and approaches as a clown that generally may wear their evening clothes when they call. Other crater I have been to have been vindictive and ashy of black. Kilauea permits any one to bring his nerve with him to sit on the rim and let his feet hang over. This feet, admittedly. Goodness knows what the volcano would do if let him hang over."

MATSON COMPANY AIDS TERRITORY

The Matson Navigation Company, by the purchase of the Territory, the lease of the old Brewer building, the Matson company yesterday. The Matson company organized that the demolition of the old building and the construction of the new hotel and waterfront road would provide much more room and much better accommodations for its ships.

TOURIST PARTY SOON TO PASS THROUGH

One hundred and twenty-five to three hundred excursionists will arrive on or about August 1, 1910, en route to the Orient aboard the Pan American steamship Mongolia. The excursionists are being booked by the Los Angeles Examiner and the party will be known as the "Examiner party." They are in charge of W. M. Miller, tour manager for the Examiner. The manager has already written to local hotel people asking for rates for about the city during the day and nights ashore.

ROOSEVELT IS GETTING BACK INTO POLITICS



OSCAR STRAUS.

CONSTANTINOPLE, March 25.—Oscar Straus, secretary of the department of commerce and labor under the Roosevelt administration, left today for Cairo in response to an invitation from ex-President Roosevelt. The ex-president telegraphed to Straus that en route home, he would like to meet Straus, and Straus before leaving to keep the appointment gave out the fact that he was going at the invitation of the ex-president. WASHINGTON, March 25.—Ex-President Roosevelt's securing a conference with his former secretary of commerce and labor, Oscar Straus, coupled with the report that Gifford Pinchot's trip to Europe is for the purpose of having a consultation with Roosevelt, is being discussed as an indication that the returning ex-president is taking up American political matters again. By discussions with Straus and Pinchot, both of whom were very closely associated with his administration, he is believed to be seeking to get into touch again with commercial and political affairs in the United States.

CRISIS IS AT HAND AS REGARDS IMMIGRATION OF RUSSIANS TO HAWAII

Perelstrous to Arrive This Morning---Immigrants Send a Committee to Oahu Plantations.

Upon the developments of the next few days depends whether the campaign to secure Russian immigrants in Hawaii shall continue or not. Special Agent A. L. C. Atkinson is in Manchuria, Idaho, having ceased activities awaiting further orders. Perelstrous is to arrive here today, and the Russians who have been in quarantine are to be released Monday. They have sent a committee to inspect Oahu plantations with a view to deciding whether they want to work on them or not, and it has been made apparent by the results of efforts of the board of immigration to get them employment, that if they do not go to work on plantations, they will at once become public charges and have to be sent back home, for very few of them can find jobs outside of plantation jobs.

ference with the board of immigration regarding those already here. In the mean time there are indications that some of them want to accept plantation work. Yesterday several of the Russians left Quarantine Island as a committee to visit Oahu plantations. They are to inspect the plantations and investigate conditions, and report to their countrymen. They are members of the last lot of arrivals. The members of this lot seem much more anxious to go to work than the others, and it is believed that there is a good chance that any of them will decide to stay in the islands and accept the work offered them. Doctor Marques has visited the Russians several times, as has President Myers of the board of immigration, and the new arrivals have been thoroughly instructed as to their rights. Many of them seemed to think that Doctor Marques could do something for them, but he informed them that he had no power or money to help them, except to protect their rights and aid them with advice.

IS TAX MONEY WRONGLY USED?

Serious Insinuation Against One of the Collectors of the Department.

Do you not know that Mr. Francis, of the tax office, is allowed to collect delinquent taxes in instalments, and he will at once have a conference with the board of immigration regarding those already here.

WILL ROLL EGGS ON FREAR'S LAWN

Governor Invites Children to Be His Guests on Easter Monday.

The White House custom of egg rolling on the lawn on Easter Monday, which has for so long been one of the human interest features of the National Capital, will be adopted by Governor and Mrs. Frear this year. Not that the governor and his wife will roll many eggs themselves, but they will afford an opportunity to the children of Honolulu. But as governors and such like are generally called upon to open social and sporting functions, it is not improbable that Governor Frear will take off his coat, roll up his sleeves and roll at least one egg himself. It is fortunate that Easter comes at the time of year when the home are most industrious and the fruits of their labor the best and most available. At this season of the year the family homewife no longer looks the eggs up on the safe deposit box. She frequently eats them and allows the other members of the household to do the same.

NEW PHONES ARRIVE MONDAY

Reorganization of the Telephone System Is At Hand.

INSTRUMENTS ON THE KOREA

Within a Few Weeks Automatic System Will Be in Operation, Says Manager

The automatic telephones will arrive here on the Korea Monday. The mechanics who will install the new instruments are also on board the ship and just as soon as the apparatus is gotten out of the vessel the work of installation will begin.

Acting Manager Congdon stated last night that the actual work of installation will take but a short time, and that within a very few weeks all of the old instruments will be thrown out and the new will be in place. The storage batteries are already here and for some weeks the company has only been awaiting the arrival of the automatic phones in order to complete the installation of the new system.

The conduit is all down, the cables have been drawn, wires in the outside districts are up and the telephone company has in fact two complete distributing systems. Just as soon as the new phones have been connected up the system will be cut over and the old telephone system will go out of business forever.

When the automatic phones are installed it will be necessary to change the numbers of the subscribers, but otherwise the service will not be interfered with in any way. This change of numbers is necessitated by the fact that each subscriber's number must consist of at least four figures. Thus in the business district all of the phones now numbered with three figures will have four. Number 145 will become 1145 and so forth. As the numbers must run numerically up to 9000 this change will mean complete renumbering of the residence phones.

The company is now prepared to allot the new numbers to subscribers so that any who may contemplate having stationery printed can get their right numbers at once.

SUDDEN DEATH OF EDWARD F. PATTEN

Edward F. Patten, a well-known employee of E. O. Hall & Son, died suddenly last night as a result of an attack of heart failure. He rode home apparently in his usual health, but had a severe attack soon after his arrival. He lay down, feeling faint, and appeared to realize thoroughly his serious condition. Feeling that he was about to pass away, he said goodbye to his family, and gave directions that his body be cremated, and death came to him soon after he had bade his wife and children the last farewell.

The deceased left a wife and two children. He was a salesman of E. O. Hall & Son, and a brother of W. N. Patten, manager of A. B. Arleigh & Co. The funeral will take place today, the remains being cremated according to the directions given by the deceased.

SHIP SUBSIDY INVESTIGATION.

WASHINGTON, March 24.—Investigation of the charge that improper influences have been brought to bear to secure the passage of ship subsidy legislation is the next thing on the boards in the way of inquiries. The judiciary committee of the house has reached a decision on the matter and will report to the house tomorrow recommending that the inquiry be instituted.

ROOSEVELT MEETS KHEDIVE.

CAIRO, Egypt, March 24.—Colonel Roosevelt was given a great ovation here today by the people of all classes. Aside from the street demonstrations, the principal incident of the day was his call on the Khedive.

SYMMES NAMED.

SAN FRANCISCO, March 24.—Frank J. Symmes was today appointed to the position of receiver for the defaulted California Safe Deposit and Trust Company, in place of Mr. LeBarton, who died recently.

RAILROAD BILL REPORTED.

WASHINGTON, March 24.—The railroad administration bill, in a much amended condition, was today reported on the house.

ENORMOUS PENSION BILL.

WASHINGTON, March 24.—The pension appropriation bill, carrying \$150,000,000 for pensions and the abolishing of eighteen subagencies, passed the house today.

END OF MENELIK.

ADDISABEDA, March 25.—King Menelik is dying.

GREAT WALL OF LAVA FROM AETNA

Historic Sicilian Volcano Repeating Her Destructive Course.

OBSERVATORY WIPED OUT

Soldiers, Doctors, Engineers and American Tourists Rush to the Scene.

CATANIA, March 25.—Mount Aetna is in the most violent eruption for many years. A twenty-foot wall of lava is sweeping down upon villages beneath the volcano, and vast destruction of property is inevitable.

Twelve entirely new craters have opened on the mountain. All are active, and they are regarded as threatening a much greater eruption.

The meteorological station, maintained for many years as a scientific observatory, has been utterly destroyed by the flow of lava. Obliterating everything in its path, the great wall of lava is devastating thousands of acres of fertile land and destroying large portions of several villages. Its progress has been slow, so that inhabitants have been able to escape with their lives.

The government has sent soldiers, doctors and engineers to the scene. Martial law has been declared in part of the affected district, and a corps of engineers will study the course of the lava flow.

There is a tremendous rush of American tourists to the scene of the lava flow, as sightseers.

PITTSBURG GRAFT IS THE LIMIT

Twenty-Six Councilmen Have Now Admitted They Were BribeTakers.

PITTSBURG, March 25.—Six more councilmen have confessed to having taken bribes. This makes a total of twenty-six members of the city council who have confessed their guilt, and who now hope for immunity. Forty were indicted.

During the hearing today a former councilman who was under examination failed on the witness stand. Under the strain of the exposure of his guilt, he collapsed, and it was necessary to adjourn the hearing.

REPUBLICANS GET SOME WARNINGS FROM OHIO

CLEVELAND, Ohio, March 25.—Ex-Governor Herrick, in a speech before the Tippecanoe club last night, charged the Republican party with gross extravagance in national expenditures. Ex-Secretary Garfield also uttered a warning to the party. Both utterances are regarded as of profound significance at the present time of threatened party disruption.

DEMOCRATS NAME MEN.

WASHINGTON, March 24.—The Democrats have chosen the following members for the new rules committee: Champ Clark of Missouri, Underwood of Alabama, Fitzgerald of New York, and Dixon of Indiana.

STRIKE DISINTEGRATING.

PHILADELPHIA, March 24.—Eight men were injured here today by the explosion of a dynamite bomb under a police patrol wagon. It is believed to be the work of strikers or their sympathizers. From present indications, the sympathetic strike of other workers than the street railway men is disintegrating.

LYNCHERS INDICTED.

CAIRO, Ill., March 25.—Twelve persons have been indicted for robbing and attacking the rail in the lynchling affair of February 17.